

State of South Dakota

SEVENTY-EIGHTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2003

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1004

Introduced by: Representatives Williamson, Adelstein, Bartling, Begalka, Bradford, Buckingham, Burg, Christensen, Craddock, Cutler, Davis, Deadrick (Thomas), Dykstra, Elliott, Engels, Frost, Fryslie, Garnos, Gassman, Gillespie, Glenski, Hackl, Hanson, Hargens, Haverly, Heineman, Hennies, Hundstad, Hunhoff, Juhnke, Klaudt, Koistinen, Konold, Kraus, Kroger, Lange, LaRue, Lintz, Madsen, McCaulley, McCoy, McLaughlin, Michels, Miles, Murschel, Nesselhuf, Novstrup, O'Brien, Olson (Mel), Olson (Ryan), Pederson (Gordon), Peterson (Bill), Peterson (Jim), Putnam, Rave, Rhoden, Rounds, Schafer, Sebert, Sigdestad, Smidt, Solum, Teupel, Thompson, Valandra, Van Etten, Van Gerpen, Van Norman, Weems, and Wick and Senators McCracken, Abdallah, Albers, Apa, Bogue, Brown, de Hueck, Dempster, Dennert, Diedrich (Larry), Duenwald, Duniphan, Duxbury, Earley, Greenfield, Ham, Jaspers, Kelly, Kleven, Kloucek, Knudson, Koetzle, Kooistra, Koskan, LaPointe, Moore, Nachtigal, Napoli, Olson (Ed), Reedy, Schoenbeck, Sutton (Dan), Sutton (Duane), Symens, and Vitter

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Recognizing and honoring the service and achievements
2 of the South Dakota National Guard.

3 WHEREAS, the South Dakota National Guard has spanned the history of this state, with
4 combat service in the Philippine Insurrection in 1899 as the 1st South Dakota Infantry Regiment,
5 on the Mexican border in 1916-1917, in France during World War I, in Europe and the Pacific
6 during World War II; and

7 WHEREAS, in recent years the South Dakota National Guard has participated in combat
8 operations or served in hostile fire zones in Panama in 1989, in the Persian Gulf War in 1991,
9 and in the Balkans and the Middle East participating in peacekeeping operations and patrolling



1 the No-Fly Zone in Iraq, with duty in Kosovo, Bosnia, and Saudi Arabia over the last decade;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, major units of the South Dakota National Guard were activated federally for
4 service outside the combat zone during the Korean War and for extended service during the
5 1961 Berlin Crisis. South Dakota Guard Members were also called upon to provide domestic
6 security measures after the September 11, 2001, attacks on the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, the citizen-soldiers of the South Dakota National Guard have responded on
8 countless occasions to natural disasters and other emergencies at home as the need arose,
9 including major relief efforts during the disastrous Rapid City Flood of 1972; and

10 WHEREAS, the South Dakota Army and Air National Guard include both combat and
11 support units in such diverse areas as field artillery, combat engineers, construction engineers,
12 medical units, a tactical fighter wing, and numerous transportation and administrative units; and

13 WHEREAS, the South Dakota National Guard is continuously upgrading its training and
14 combat capabilities, while maintaining the ability to respond to local emergencies with its
15 traditional high standards of skill, readiness, and dedication; and

16 WHEREAS, South Dakota National Guard units have participated in numerous domestic and
17 overseas training exercises around the world, serving side-by-side with regular units of the
18 Armed Forces of the United States; and

19 WHEREAS, the men and women of the South Dakota National Guard are again being called
20 upon in uncertain times to leave their homes and their families in the service of this nation:

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-
22 eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the long and
23 distinguished history of the South Dakota National Guard be recognized, and that the men and
24 women of the South Dakota National Guard be honored and commended for their achievements

1 and their devotion to duty in peace and in war; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the South Dakota Legislature wish the

3 men and women of the South Dakota National Guard Godspeed and a safe return home.